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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 June 2006.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 06/26/2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>06/26/2006</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement, filed 26 June 2006, has been received, entered into the record, and considered. See attached form PTO-1449.

Specification

2. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. **The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided.** The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the words "comprising" on line 2 and "comprises" on line 3 incorporate legal phraseology from claim language.

Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 6th paragraph

3. Examiner notes that the phrase "means of" appear in many claims. It should be "means for" instead of "means of". Applicant is reminded that if the claimed limitations

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should invoke 35 U.S.C 112, sixth paragraph, the limitations should be amended to a proper means plus function format. See MPEP § 2181.

Claim Objections

4. Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: the claim ended with a comma (","). All claims must end with a period (e.g., "."). Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Schlack**;

John A. et al. (“Schlack”) (US 7260823 B2)

Regarding claims 1 and 8, **Schlack** teaches a device and method for device and method for creating summaries of multimedia documents comprising a storage means and means enabling a user to view a multimedia document, wherein it comprises

means of automatically weighting multimedia documents stored on the storage means according to the frequency with which the different stored documents are viewed by said user (col. 17, lines 40-42),

means of creating a summary of the multimedia documents stored on the storage means according to the weighting assigned to each multimedia document (col. 19, liens 4-16 and Fig. 16).

Regarding claim 2, **Schlack** further teaches creating a summary of the stored multimedia documents create a summary for the multimedia documents for which the weighting coefficient is greater than a predefined threshold (col. 26, lines 64-66).

Regarding claim 3, **Schlack** further teaches wherein each multimedia document having a type relating to the content of said document associated with it, said device comprises means of weighting the documents according to their type (e.g., program categories) (Fig. 16, element 1610).

Regarding claim 4, **Schlack** further teaches the steps of:

dividing each multimedia document into scenes (Fig. 16, element 1610),
weighting each scene of said multimedia document (Fig. 16, element 1620).

Regarding claim 5, **Schlack** further teaches wherein the means of creating a summary of the multimedia documents create a summary according to the weighting

assigned to each scene of said multimedia document (Fig. 16, elements 1610 and 1620).

Regarding claim 6, **Schlack** further teaches wherein the means of creating a summary of the multimedia documents adapt the duration of the summary according to the weighting assigned to each document and to each scene of the stored multimedia documents (Fig. 16, elements 1620 and Fig. 21B).

Regarding claim 7, **Schlack** further teaches wherein it comprises means of storing the summaries in the storage means (col. 12, lines 1-7).

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon in form PTO-892 is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LESLIE WONG whose telephone number is (571)272-4120. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 9:30am - 6:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CHARLES RONES can be reached on (571)272-4085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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